'by his exquiſite judgment, or by his heroic 'valour? It was by none of theſe qualities. 'But he was, firſt of all, the moſt powerful 'prince in Europe, and conſequently held 'the higheſt rank among kings; and then, 'ſays his hiſtorian, "he ſurpaſſed all his cour-"tiers in the gracefulneſs of his ſhape, and "the majeſtic beauty of his features. The "ſound of his voice, noble and affecting, "gained thoſe hearts which his preſence "intimidated. He had a ſtep and a deport-"ment which could ſuit only him and his "rank, and which would have been ridicu-"lous in any other perſon. The embarraſſ-"ment which he occaſioned to thoſe who "ſpoke to him, flattered that ſecret ſatiſ-"faction with which he felt his own ſupe-"riority." 'Theſe frivolous accompliſh-'ments, ſupported by his rank, and, no 'doubt too, by a degree of other talents and 'virtues, which ſeems, however, not to 'have been much above mediocrity, eſta-'bliſhed this prince in the eſteem of his own 'age, and have drawn, even from poſterity, 'a good deal of reſpect for his memory. 'Compared with theſe, in his own times, 'and in his own preſence, no other virtue, 'it

'it ſeems, appeared to have any merit. 'Knowledge, induſtry, valour, and benefi-'cence, trembled, were abaſhed, and loſt 'all dignity before them.'

Woman alſo thus 'in herſelf complete,' by poſſeſſing all theſe *frivolous* accompliſhments, ſo changes the nature of things

——'That what ſhe wills to do or ſay
'Seems wiſeſt, virtuouſeſt, diſcreeteſt, beſt;
'All higher knowledge in *her preſence* falls
'Degraded. Wiſdom in diſcourſe with her
'Loſes diſcountenanc'd, and, like Folly, ſhows;
'Authority and Reaſon on her wait.'—

And all this is built on her lovelineſs!

In the middle rank of life, to continue the compariſon, men, in their youth, are prepared for profeſſions, and marriage is not conſidered as the grand feature in their lives; whilſt women, on the contrary, have no other ſcheme to ſharpen their faculties. It is not buſineſs, extenſive plans, or any of the excurſive flights of ambition, that engroſs their attention; no, their thoughts are not employed in rearing ſuch noble ſtructures. To riſe in the world, and have the liberty of running from pleaſure to pleaſure, they muſt marry advantageouſly, and to this object their